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INVENTION: **“DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE POSITION
OF THE LATERAL EDGE OF A CONTINUOUS WEB”**

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SIR:

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.313(c) for withdrawal of the present application from issue. Applicants hereby expressly abandon the present application in favor of a Continuation Application Serial No. 11/079,732, filed March 14, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 for the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 501519.

The present application has been allowed on December 14, 2004. The issue fee for the allowed application has been paid on March 10, 2005.

After payment of the issue fee, the Applicants have become aware of two prior art patents relating to the subject matter of the present application. In particular, U.S. Patent No. 6,305,856 and U.S. Patent No. 6,450,381 have come to the attention of the applicant. These two prior art patents raise potential new questions of patentability and so should be considered by the Examiner.

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Applicants have filed a Continuation Application Serial No. 11/079,732, on March 14, 2005, so as to reopen prosecution of the application for consideration of the newly discovered art. The Official Filing Receipt for the Continuation Application has been received by Applicants Attorney on April 20, 2005, and so the continuity of the applications is assured.

Express abandonment of the present application is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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